Brandon Leung

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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

Sep. 2015 – Dec. 2021 (Expected)

- Current M.S. student in Machine Learning & Data Science, expected graduation December 2021. GPA 3.86.
- B.Sc. in Computer Science, graduated August 2019. GPA 3.88 (Magna Cum Laude, with highest distinction).

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

Drone Flight Dataset for Neural Network Vision Assessment

(Jun. 2017 - Present)

- Project leader & main developer of a novel drone flight system, recruiting 13 to collect a 120,000 image dataset.
- Conducted experiments showing severe vulnerabilities (30% drop) in neural networks like ResNet to pose & camera shake. Published to CVPR. Extensively used Python, PyTorch, OpenCV, and ROS in an Ubuntu environment.

Improving 3D Reconstructions with Self-Supervised Machine Learning

(Aug. 2020 - Present)

• Developed a novel neural network refinement algorithm to generate 3D meshes from a single image.

• Used self-supervised learning & symmetry regularization; beats state-of-the-art (up to 47%), across many datasets.

Self-Driving Cars using 2D/3D Action and Explanation Prediction

(Feb. 2021 – Present)

- Guided formulation & development of a model fusing 2D images & 3D pointclouds for self-driving car navigation.
- 2D & 3D explanations from Faster R-CNN & MVX-Net are jointly predicted with actions, justifying model decisions.
- · Annotated new action & explanation annotations labels from Amazon Turk to add to the Waymo Open dataset.

Statistical Linguistic Analysis for User Chat Message Logs

(Feb. 2021 – Jul. 2021)

- Built an interactive dashboard to analyze user chat logs and describe their linguistic behavior.
- Applied NLP transformer models (RoBERTa, GPT-2) to sentiment analysis, clustering, style transfer, & generation.
- Developed with Voilà. Tested with pytest and documented with Sphinx. Deployed using AWS (EC2 and S3).

PUBLICATIONS

• Catastrophic Child's Play: Easy to Perform, Hard to Defend Adversarial Attacks
Brandon Leung, Chih-Hui Ho, Erik Sandstrom, Yen Chang, and Nuno Vasconcelos

Published, CVPR 19

 Black-Box Test-Time Shape REFINEment for Single View 3D Reconstruction Brandon Leung In progress, MS Thesis

• Explainable 3D Object-Induced Action Decisions for Autonomous Vehicles

Arth Dharaskar, Allen Cheung, Brandon Leung, Chih-Hui Ho, and Nuno Vasconcelos

In progress, CVPR 22

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher

Statistical Visual Computing Lab, UCSD

Jun. 2017 - Now

• Researching deep learning based computer vision under Prof. Nuno Vasconcelos, with a focus in 2D/3D detection, domain adaptation, GANs, 3D reconstruction, self-supervised learning, and explainable neural networks.

Software Engineer, Intern

Himax Imaging

Summers 2015 & 2016

 Developed internal quality control programs in Java for a R&D/fabrication company specializing in CMOS image sensors used in smartphone cameras and car backup cameras.

AWARDS AND ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP), Mar. 2020.
- Sloan Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Sep. 2019.
- UCSD Undergraduate Research Award, May 2019, awarded to 2 graduating UCSD ECE students each year.
- NSF REU Research Grant, Sep. 2018.
- Teaching Assistant, UCSD Computer Science Department, Jan. 2018 Jan. 2019, TA for DSC 40A/B, CSE 8A.
- UCSD Research Program Mentor, 2018 2021, mentored students for UCSD's Summer Research Program (SRIP).
- Conference Reviewer at ECCV 2020, ICCV 2021, CVPR 2021.
- IT Technician, UCSD, 2016 2017, gave networking, software, and hardware support for UCSD's students & staff.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Expertise in: Python, PyTorch, Jupyter Notebooks, OpenCV, Numpy, Plotly, Bash, Docker, pytest, Sphinx
- Experience with: Java, C, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, AWS, Matlab